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A NEW GOSPEL.
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In the days of Jeff the Seceshite,
whose name was Davis, a great com-
motion and much tribulation arose in
the land of Dixie, whereof Jeff had
been appointed King and High Priest.
Now Jeff had raised a rebellion in
the land of the Americans and a
great multitude clove unto him as
a forerunner one-third of the sons of
Heaven clove unto Satap. This was
in the reign of Lincoln, the Republi-
can, who was also called Abraham,
because he was the father of Israel's
country. And great signs and
wonders were seen of men,
both on sea and on land, the like
whereunto the sons of Adam had never
seen in all the days hitherto—
Ships of iron fought upon the oceans
like leviathans in the old time before;
and legions of warriors made war
above the clouds and the forked light-
nings.
Now Jeff, had a province among
the mountains, a goodly land wherein
were many cattle and swine and
much corn, but the people whereof
still turned their faces towards Jeru-
salem with prayers and weeping, and
refused to give themselves unto Jeff,
and his Philistines, nor would they
bow unto the idol of Baal and make
sacrifice unto Moloch, but obeyed the
ordinances of Israel and the Lord
their God. And behold when Jeff
heard this he was wroth exceedingly
and he sent for one of his Captains,
a mighty man of war, and he com-
manded him to go into this mountain
province and lay waste the choice
places thereof, and put to the sword
every man and woman who chafed un-
to Israel. Then the Captain and his
host crossed the mountains and pour-
ed themselves through the valleys like
a mighty flood, the waves whereof
were red with blood. But many es-
caped and fled away like as from the
earthquake in the days of Uzziah,
king of Judah, some unto the forests,
others hid themselves in caves and se-
cret places, and many sought refuge
in the land of Abraham, which is
God's land. But the slaughter made
by the Philistines was great, and the
spoils exceedingly rich, and many men
they took captive, and they laid waste
all the land, and the distress thereof
was too great to be borne. And there
were wounds, and sickness, and hun-
ger, and cold, and nakedness, and
withal sorrow and lamentation for the
dead and the captive, so great was the
curse that fell upon the mountain
provinces.
In those days there were three men
in the province who counselled each
with himself what he would do.
George, whose surname was Broughn;
John, whose surname was Backster;
and one Phlegming a publican. Now
Broughn was a judge in the land, and

had called on the Most High to wit-
ness his love for Israel, and had sworn
a great oath to obey the laws of his
fathers. But he had treason in his
heart, so that he perjured his soul and
forsook his country and joined him-
self unto the Philistines, forsaking
the Lord his God. Then resolved he
to make war upon his countrymen,
and stir up strife against them, for
the sight of a true Israelite was a re-
proach in his eyes. Therefore, when
the day came for the people to gather
together about him, in order that
they might get justice, he charged his
grand jurors to persecute and indict
all who loved Jerusalem, or who at-
tempted to reach the land of Abra-
ham. Moreover, he caused his scribe
to bring out the rolls of his court and
had stricken therefrom the names of
those learned in the law who refused
to bend their knees to Baal. Aye,
verily, he gloried in his soul that he
had given his voice for secession; and
he hardened his heart and set his face
against all who desired the union of
the tribes of Israel, so that his hate
was as the hate of Saul for David;
and his name became a dreadful sound
in the ear, so that fearful was the
curse of those days, and the memory
thereof sad and full of woe and la-
mentations.
John, whose surname was Backster,
(so called from his habit of back-
sliding,) also took counsel with himself
in his secret soul, and sought where-
out he could suck most profit; for
riches were the desire of his heart.
Now John had a smooth tongue
withal, and did beguile many people.
With the Israelites, he turned a face
towards Jerusalem; with the Philis-
tines, he worshipped Dagon and coun-
seled with the chief men of Askalon.
For the sake of a fee and the reward
thereof, he pleaded at the judgment
seat for captive Israelites; and for
the sake of show and effect, he ac-
cused himself in warlike guise, a
helmet of brass upon his head, and a
coat of mail weighing five thousand
shekels upon his shoulders, and a shot
gun was in his hand. And behold, he
marched against those who sought to
bure the bridge used by the armies
of Jeff; and he moved very valiantly
indeed, and with great noise of
drums. And the land was filled with
the noise of his valor; and the bravery
of his marching was wonderful to
behold; and he returned home again.
Then was his soul kindled by this
great glory, and he conspired in his
heart to become a mighty warrior,
like unto Joshua. No longer was he
content with slaying captive Israelites
with the law bone of an ass be-
fore the judgment seat, for the sake
of a fee and the reward thereof.
Yet jawed he not like Samson. And
it came to pass while he was medi-
tating great deeds in his heart, he pen-
ned a letter to a counsellor of Jeff, at
Askalon, in black ink did he pen it,
and wrote his name with a flourish at
the bottom thereof, and the super-
scription thereon bore the name of
one Langdon, whose surname was
Haynes. And in this letter he had
penned was an earnest request and
entreaty that Jeff would make him a
leader of thousands in the hosts of
the Philistines, and commission him
a Brigadier, with all and singular the
emoluments thereof. For the mind
of John, from his boyhood, had been
wondrous prone to lucre, and he bowed
before the gods of the heathen, be-
cause they were gold and silver, and
not that religion was in his heart, but
that gain was in his eye. Now this
letter pleased not the king of the
Philistines, and he refused to write
his name thereon; but the cause thereof
is a secret to this day, unless Jeff had
never heard of John's valorous march-
ing and martial bearing against the
bridge-burners. Now John was not
discouraged in his efforts to aid Jeff
the Seceshite, but still strove to win
the king's favor. And he heard that
in the north country the people learned
what was going on in the world
by means of papers printed with
many curious types, and full of facts,
rumors and subtle sentences. Then
did it enter into the mind of John to
make many secret bribes, and get
control of these printed papers, and
make them praise Jeff, and encour-
age the soldiers of the hosts of Philis-
tines, for war still raged in the land,
and the Lord stood afar off, and
hearkened not unto the children of
Israel, as in the old time before. So
John judged the paper men by him-
self. Accordingly he got him unto his
secret chamber, wherein were
many boxes full of gold and silver,
and one large box full of bonds, notes,
mortgages, and trust deeds, which he
had gotten for defending the captive
Israelites before the judgment seat,
whose names are on the tombstones.
Herein he penned a letter with a gold
pen to the same Langdon, and set
forth therein how for half a million of
gold he would go unto the land of
the north, and conspire with the men
who set the types, and would give
them heaps of money so that they
would advise the Israelites to make
peace with the Heathen. And when

Langdon showed this to Jeff, the king
consulted his gods, and call around
him all his soothsayers and wise men
Then lifted they up their voices and
said: "Live forever, oh Jeff! The
thing is good in our eyes." And the
words of the wise men and the sooth-
sayers pleased the king. But well
knowing the heart of John and how
he did hunger and thirst for riches,
and that no man was so glad to get
at a sorry to lose, he feared to trust
John, lest when in the land of the
north he would never return, but
would laugh the Philistines to scorn
and keep the gold himself. However,
though a king was not altogether a
fool. So Jeff gave what gold his
treasurer could spare, to another man,
who went to the North country, and
bribed many, including one Wood,
of whom and had McCallahan put be-
fore the people as greater than Abra-
ham, and hired one Booth, and cer-
tain other accursed wretches to slay
the Father of the Israelites. And
thus was John saved from having
Lincoln's blood upon his hands, and
God's curse upon his soul.

And it came to pass, that John grew
sick at heart, and wished Jeff in to-
phet, because the king would not trust
him. Yet lost he not all hope; but
asked the people in their assemblies
to make him their Counsellor in the
halls of Askalon, a Congressman of
the Philistines. And he did flatter
the people with soft words and with
smiles, bowing now to the right and
now to the left, and promising great
things. But the multitude knew
John and whereof he was, and he
chose one Swan to speak for them
at Askalon. Then was John wroth
ceaselessly, and cursed the gods of
the Philistines, especially those of
gold and silver, and invoked defeat
upon their armies. But neither the god
nor the armies heard his cursings, as
the war went on, for he cursed in
loud but deep. And he joined him-
self unto the Lincolmites, and praised
the north country and the men thereof,
for he heard their hosts were com-
ing to drive out the Philistines and
bring back the Ark of the Covenant.

Phlegming, the publican, so-called
from his dealing in liquor, was also a
man of the mountain province, and
held in great esteem and authority by
himself, and strove to be some great
body. Proud was he in spirit, and
much puffed up, and somewhat of a
magician withal in that his case be-
came a serpent like the rod of Aaron.
And when his case became a serpent
he fled from it, like Moses in the days
of old. Now some mistook Phlegming
for a Philistine, and some for an
Israelite, and both were wrong, and
yet both right, which is a mystery.
For he was a man of many words,
and much flourish of the arms, but of
little meaning, and that meaning two
meanings like an oracle. And it came
to pass that in those days the people
did wish them an Attorney General,
whereupon Phlegming straitway went
and offered himself with a commend-
able promptness, and wrote a letter,
saying he was a good Southern man
as his adversary, and that the blood
of the Philistines was in his veins,
and warmed his heart. Moreover,
when the contest waxed warm he
praised Jeff, and made friends in
Gath. But the multitude went not
with him, but gave their voice for his
adversary. And herein he was like
his partner, Backster, and they be-
came great friends, for money's sake
company. But Backster afterwards
grew tired of feeding Phlegming's
little ones, and though Phlegming
was a man of spirit, whose rod of times
became a serpent, Backster turned
him off.

Now Phlegming grew exceedingly
angry with the Philistines, and re-
solved in his heart to have vengeance
on them, and he swore a great oath
over his wine cups. Moreover he
circumcised himself, and became an
Israelite; but the circumcision was
not thoroughly efficacious, because he
was too old, and it had only the half
way effect of making him a McCal-
lanite, and not a full Lincolnite. For
to be a full Lincolnite one must like-
wise circumcise the heart. Thus was
Phlegming but half circumcised. And
so he remains to this day.

In those days great deeds were
done the report whereof has filled
the earth unto the idea of the end.
The cities of the Philistines were
besieged and laid waste, and their ar-
mies put to the sword, or made cap-
tive. Jeff the Seceshite, whose sur-
name was Davis, fled from Askalon
by night in great fear, and hid in
his heart to flee unto a far country;
but the horsemen of the Israelites
pursued close after him, and captives
him clad in the garments of his wife,
and he was cast into a deep dungeon.
Then arose Booth, the spy of the
Philistines (whose name was before
mentioned with that of Backster in
this book) to do a deed accursed in
the sight of men and before God. And
he slew Abraham, the Rappahann, at
the public games in Jerusalem; and
so buried that no man knoweth his
grave.
Thereupon, Andrew the Indecent

became the Chief Ruler among the
Israelites, and he breathed out threat-
ening and slaughter among the dis-
ciples of Jeff. But as he journeyed
on his way, he saw a vision, and
was miraculously converted into an
Apostle of the Gentiles. Then George,
whose surname was Broughn, and
John, whose surname was Backster,
and Phlegming the publican, greatly
rejoiced thereat, and set themselves
up as teachers of men, pretending
to be great bodies, as in the days of
Jeff and the Philistines. George, es-
pecially, became very merry at heart,
for he felt that his neck was no longer
in danger, and he ceased to dream
of death, wherewith his spirit was
troubled, and his sleep broken him.
And John waxed exceeding great,
and his house was full of riches; and
the Philistines, whose lives had been
spared, hearkened unto him, and he
bade them fear not. And Phlegming
the publican followed after.

But it came to pass that one Brown-
low, a Radical, became Chief Ruler in
the Mountain Province, and he made
many statutes, heavy and grievous to
be borne by the Philistines, but very
comfortable to Israel. Moreover his
hand pressed heavy upon the disciples
and followers of Jeff the Seceshite;
and he disfranchised every mother's
son of them, and laid heavy oaks upon
their consciences. Then came to-
gether George, John, and the publican,
to see wherewith they could thwart
the statutes of Brownlow, for they had
great greed of office as aforesaid.
Now so it was, there was a Conven-
tion in Israel, which some called a Con-
stitution; and this Constitution these
three men had curried with a mighty
caravan and had rent it in pieces, and
trampled it under their feet in con-
temptuous anger, and the fragments
thereof they had thrown unto the
four winds of heaven. But now in
their tribulation and sore dismay they
remembered the words of this Con-
stitution and the writing wherewith
it was written. So they set them-
selves to work, and gathered the
scattered fragments thereof, and plac-
ed them together, and said one to the
other, "Behold our Refuge! And thus
these men who had broken this great
law of the land, and who by its
words were unconvinced traitors, and
worthy of a felon's death, now pre-
tended to venerate it, and vaunted
much of their devotion thereto. They
moreover wrote many words unto
the multitude to show that the Philis-
tines were as good as the Israelites,
and though Israel had won the battle,
it was but fair that Philistines should
rule. And what one wrote the others
endorsed. And many were the strange
doctrines they taught. But the peo-
ple, having been deceived once,
could not be deceived again; and
they would not hearken unto John,
and George, and the publican, but
stood afar off, and went not with them;
for they liked not false prophets, and
remembered Korah, Dathan and Abi-
ram. And they would have ceased
their talking long before, had not An-
drew the Indecent, given them en-
couragement, and made them prom-
ise. So they were still minded to do
evil, and continued to go after strange
gods. The law, also, they defiled
with their abominations, for rebellion
was still in their hearts. But the end
of these men, even the end of George,
surnamed Broughn, of John, surnam-
ed Backster, and of Phlegming the
publican, it is written in the second
book.

The Next Congress.
The Fortieth Congress will assem-
ble on the 4th of March instead of
December, as formerly. For reason
of this change there will be several
States unrepresented when that body
convenes, and among the number the
following:
1.—New Hampshire (3.) election in
March.
2.—Connecticut (4.) election in Apr.
3.—Rhode Island (2.) election in Apr.
4.—Kentucky (9.) election in May.
5.—Tennessee (8.) election in Aug.
6.—California (3.) election in Sept.
On its assembling the new House
will contain:
Republicans 129
Democrats 45
When all the seats are filled, inclu-
ding Nebraska, it will stand:
Republicans 147
Democrats 49
—Press and Times.

—An Indian had gone to Albany
one cold morning and got very drunk.
On his way home he became com-
pletely overcome, laid him down, and
was frozen to death. His tribe there-
was very much disposed to imitate
the habits of the white men, and ac-
cordingly held an inquest over the
dead body. After a long pow, they
finally agreed to this verdict: that the
deceased came to his death by mixing
too much water with his whiskey,
which had frozen in him. This was
very good for an Indian jury.

—A female school teacher, in her
advertisement, stated that she was a
"complete mistress of her own
tongue." "If that is the case," said
a caustic old bachelor, "she can't ask
too much for her services."